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Introduction

Technology for real-time access control is widely used in many situations such as facility entrance systems in a building, payments at a hotel, ATM operations or e-voting in an election, etc. These services benefit from real-time access control systems connected via networks and using database information.

Sophisticated cloud, virtualization, database, networking technology and services and the evolution of authentication technology such as biometrics, NFC, QR codes used in distributed and modular access control systems enable previously underserved users and operators to innovate around new use cases.

For realizing such real-time access system, an Ecma standard ECMA-412 (also published as International Standard ISO/IEC 20933) "Framework for distributed real-time access systems" was first introduced in 2016 with a 2nd edition following in 2018. That standard specifies the reference model and common control functions. It gives direction for ongoing innovation and development of technology and the system integration of distributed real-time access control systems.

This Standard specifies the architecture for a distributed real-time access system taking into account the many technologies and the framework of ECMA-412. The architecture specifies the function group concept of the system, the functionalities of each function group and the interfaces. Protocols between function group and functions are out of the scope of this Standard.

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Architecture for a distributed real-time access system

1 Scope

This Standard specifies the architecture for a distributed real-time access system. The architecture specifies the function group concept of the system, functionalities of each function group, and interfaces. Communication between function group and functions are not in the scope of this Standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ECMA-412, *Framework for distributed real-time Access systems*

ISO/IEC 20933, *Information technology — Distributed application platforms and services (DAPS) — Framework for distributed real-time access systems*

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